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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
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SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON CONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
REHABILITATION CENTERS**

This is to provide an update on the progress of the consolidation of the Department of Public Health (DPH) Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers (AVRC). On October 5, 2010, your Board approved a request by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and Department of Public Health (DPH) to consolidate the AVRC Substance Use Disorder residential programs located at Acton and Warms Springs into a single facility. The plan included closure of the Warm Springs facility and relocation of its program and staffing to the Acton facility. The purpose of the consolidation was to: 1) maximize use of limited resources for substance use disorder treatment services; 2) bring the AVRC facility into compliance with State and County licensing and regulatory requirements; and 3) ensure a high quality of AVRC services by renovating the physical infrastructure at Acton, upgrading clinical services, and providing sufficient staffing levels.

The closure of the Warm Springs facility and the consolidation of the AVRC men's and women's residential treatment programs were successfully accomplished on June 30, 2011. DPH is currently working with the Internal Services Department (ISD) to renovate the Acton facility. Fencing around the perimeter has been installed to provide additional security for the facility and to provide a physical boundary separating the men's and women's treatment programs. Temporary housing and office units were completed as scheduled. DPH will continue to work with the CEO and the Department of Public Works to design the new campus to be completed by 2014.

If you have any questions or need additional information on this matter, please let me know.

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